

Bluebell.
[10 miles east of Liberal]
Most people are getting their crops harvested.
Weather fine and health good in this part of the country.
Floyd Davis arrived Saturday from Springfield, Mo.

The Sunday school at Blue Bell had a good attendance Sunday. The people seem to be interested. We hope it will still improve. Everybody come out and help.

Quite a crowd gathered at the W. P. Davis home Sunday evening and enjoyed themselves with music.

The Bluebell school is progressing nicely, and our teacher is preparing a program to be given Thanksgiving night. There will also be a pie supper at the close of the entertainment. Everybody welcome.

Sugar Plain Items.
[12 miles southeast of Hucston]
Sowing wheat is the order of the day in our neighborhood.
Quite a number from Bethel attended the quarterly meeting of Friends, held at Rose Valley, November 17-18-19. It was a very enjoyable time.

Rev. Carlyle is holding a revival at Maple Leaf. They are having a glorious good time at that place. Thirteen have accepted Christ. May God bless Bro. Carlyle in his work.

There is quite a lot of typhoid fever around here. We hope for the recovery of those who are sick.

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Rev. G. T. Colvin of Tyrone occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. Agee has been in Durant, Okla., the past week, attending a Baptist convention.

Cyrus E. Barnett of Liberal and Audie Falkner of Pratt were married by Rev. J. M. Leonard, in this city, Saturday, November 18. —Pratt Republican

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Mr. Black is thinking some of turning the place into a breeding farm for fine horses and Jacks. Mr. Black's prosperity is only in its infancy, for he has the confidence and esteem of the people of Southwest Kansas.

Cured In Her Own Home Town

WICHITA, KANSAS. Mrs. L. C. Grounds tells the way for her fellow townsmen to be cured of their kidney and bladder ailments as she was cured. "Some time ago I suffered with kidney trouble. I had a severe pain in my back and side and when I lay down it seemed as if I could not straighten up. Mother told me what good results my father was getting from Foley Kidney Pills, so I went to the drug store and got some and commenced taking them. I began to get better very soon. Now, after taking two bottles, the pain has left my back and side, and I am cured of all my kidney trouble." For sale by all druggists.

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State of Kansas to Earl Planders, greeting: You are hereby notified that Ethel Planders has filed her petition in the District Court of Seward County, Kansas, and that you must answer the said petition on or before the 9th day of December, 1911, or the allegations of said petition will be taken as true and decree rendered accordingly granting her an absolute divorce from you and awarding to her the entire custody of her infant child, together with costs of suit.

Given at Liberal, Kansas, this 25th day of October, 1911.
E. S. IRWIN, Clerk of District Court, by L. A. Etzold, Deputy.
S. W. SMITH, Atty. for Plaintiff. (Seal)

Nehemiah Builds the Wall of Jerusalem
Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 3, 1911
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT—Nehemiah 4. MEMORY VERSES—14, 17. GOLDEN TEXT—"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."—1 Cor. 16:13.

TIME—Nehemiah heard the bad news from Jerusalem early in December, B. C. 444.

For four months he prayed, thought and waited.

The following April (444) he obtained permission to go to Jerusalem.

The journey occupied four months and he arrived at Jerusalem in the first day of the fifth month, Ab=July-Aug. (In 281 the first day of Ab was August 6; in 1912 it will be July 12.)

PLACE—Shushan and Jerusalem.

RULERS—Artaxerxes, Emperor of Persian Empire; Nehemiah, governor of Judea; Ezra, the scribe, the religious leader of the people in Babylon.

When the right time came, and Nehemiah's heart was burning with sorrow and desire, he found "opportunities concealed in apparent hindrances." It was dangerous to show sorrow in the presence of the king. Even a modern autocrat like Louis XIV. expected everybody's face to shine if he did but appear, and how much more an Artaxerxes? What, wear a sorrowful face when he was presiding over joy and gaiety, gilding them with his presence? If he had ordered this melancholy visage away to prison or death, it would have been justified by precedent. A gloomy face might mean disaffection against the king. The light of his favor ought to be enough to drive all sadness away.

Nehemiah had hitherto been able to keep a smiling face when before the king; but one day at a superb banquet, when the queen was dining with her husband, amid gold plate, gorgeous silk dresses of every hue, marble pillars, fountains, music, lights, sultanas, courtiers resplendent as the sun, and all worshipping their sun Artaxerxes, smiling when he smiled, his sorrow shone through his face in spite of himself, so that the king noticed it and said:

"Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart." Then he was very sore afraid, and said unto the king, "Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed of fire? If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favor in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it."

The king was pleased to grant his request, made him the Tirshatha, or governor of Judea, "royal agent" or "plenipotentiary," with full powers. He traveled to Judea in state, with a military guard of cavalry, and with letters to the rulers of the neighboring provinces to give him whatever he needed for his work.

Nehemiah was very wise. He lay quiet for three days, doing nothing, but learning everything. He showed no credentials, he proposed no plans, he told no one what he hoped to do. His first business was to learn the whole situation, the feelings of the people, who would oppose, and who would help, how able the people were, what obstacles must be overcome.

Nehemiah met the rulers, nobles, priests and people, and told them of his purpose in coming, how he had learned of their need, how he had wept and fasted and prayed, and how God had heard his prayer and caused the great emperor to favor his plans, give him permission to come, and authority, with orders for the surrounding rulers to give the needed help. He told them of his midnight investigations.

The business side of religion should be done as Nehemiah did it in the most skillful and ideal business manner. Nehemiah had a layman's good sense in religion. Walls were necessary to the safety of the city. They were also necessary to true religion. The division of labor, the noble competition, the interest in their work that kept them from taking time to even put off their clothes, the giving each his own work, and over against his own house, the union of watching and praying and working, the working together of old and young, rich and poor, form a real master-stroke of genius.

The wall was parceled out among 44 working parties. It was like the rebuilding of the walls of Athens after the invasion of Xerxes, like the building of the walls of Edinburgh after the battle of Flodden. This plan made each one more earnest and faithful as he saw what others were doing. It animated the work with a noble emulation, and a personal pride. See how fast my work goes on! See how well my piece is done! Now, my sons, gird up your tunics, or Rephah the son of Hur will get ahead of us. True emulation is to do better than we have done; to seek, not to get beyond others, but to rise to the best possible for us; and to be inspired to this by seeing what others have done.

Besides the hostility of the Samaritans the Jews themselves were becoming worn out with the fatigue of such strenuous work.

No good goes on to success without meeting obstacles. Evil does not fall without a battle. It throws slander, ridicule, treachery, conspiracies, influence, discouragements, every possible hindrance in the way of reform. Even some of the Jews were arrayed against their brethren. They planned to take Nehemiah and the city by surprise, slay the workers, and thus put a stop to the work, but the answer was watching and prayer.

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